

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

*Kindly insert the following new paragraph between lines 21 and 22 on page 9 of the application.*

In the configuration of the protruding portion 23a shown in Fig. 3, the part of the pad mounting side portion 23 at which the pedal pad 30 is mounted includes an outer surface which faces the pedal pad 30 and an oppositely facing inner surface. The outer surface of this part of the pad mounting side portion 23 lies in a first plane P' oriented substantially parallel to the braking direction D, and the oppositely facing inner surface lies in a second plane P''. As shown in Fig. 3, the protruding portion 23a is disposed outside the first plane P' and laterally opposite a void V in the arm end portion 21. As further illustrated in Fig. 3, this void V exists or is located between the inner surface of the protruding portion 23a and the second plane P''.

*Kindly insert the following new paragraph between lines 24 and 25 on page 10 of the application.*

In the configuration of the protruding portion 23c shown in Fig. 6, the part of the pad mounting side portion 23 at which the pedal pad 30 is mounted includes an outer surface which faces the pedal pad 30 and an oppositely facing inner surface. The outer surface of this part of the pad mounting side portion 23 lies in a first plane P' oriented substantially parallel to the braking direction, and the oppositely facing inner surface lies in a second plane P''. As shown in Fig. 6, the protruding portion 23c is disposed outside the first plane P' and laterally opposite a void V in the arm end portion 21. As further illustrated in Fig. 6, this void V exists or is located between the inner surface of the protruding portion 23c and the second plane P''.